

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respond herein to the Office Action of June 24, 2008. Claims 1-52 are pending in the Application. All claims were rejected in the Office Action. Applicants amend Claims 1-3, 9-11, 13-14, 16, 20-23, 26-30, 36-38, 40, 41 and 47 and respectfully request a reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 1-52 were rejected in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ellis et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,504,518) in view of Maybury et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,961,954).

Independent Claims 1, 2, 3, 9, 13, 14, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 36, 40, 41 and 47 recite a system, method and program for viewing a desired video from several video groups. As described in the specification of the present Application, the system includes an on-air broadcast video group (OA), an edited video group (ED), and a raw material video group (RAW). The RAW group includes raw material video filmed on-site, for example, as digital image data. Each raw material video of the RAW group is managed together with a unique identification. The ED group includes a broadcast video in which the raw material video is carefully selected and edited, for example, as digital image data. Each edited video of the ED group is managed together with its own unique identification. Finally, the OA group includes a finally broadcast video, for example, as digital image data. Each on-air broadcast video of the OA group is managed together with its own unique identification. As described with reference to Fig. 1, upon receiving a video retrieval command from the program control processor 103, the video retrieval unit 105 retrieves the video data correlating to the specified video identification from the video storage unit 106. The retrieved video data is displayed on the display unit 102 in conjunction with video data related information described later. When the video retrieval command contains the starting position of a video, the retrieved video may be reproduced from the starting position, or the selected video may be located at the starting position.

The Examiner stated in the Office Action that Ellis discloses a system where a second video group is produced by use of the first video group. Ellis teaches a broadcast segment recognition system where a signature is generated for each of a plurality of broadcast segments and where the

generated signatures are used to determine whether the monitored broadcast segment is temporally bounded by predetermined signal events and whether the monitored broadcast segment overlaps another monitored broadcast segment. See, Ellis, col. 4, lines 8-25. However, Ellis does not teach or even suggest that the second monitored broadcast segment is produced by editing a portion of the first monitored broadcast segment. Therefore, the limitations of independent Claims 1, 2, 3, 9, 13, 14, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 36, 40, 41 and 47 requiring that the videos of the second (or third) video group are produced by editing the videos of the first (or second) video group are not disclosed in Ellis. Moreover, Maybury does not remedy this deficiency of Ellis.

Accordingly, Claims 1, 2, 3, 9, 13, 14, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 36, 40, 41 and 47 are allowable over the cited prior art. Claims 4-8, 10-12, 15-19, 21-25, 31-35, 37-39, 42-46 and 48-52 depend from Claim 1, 2, 3, 9, 13, 14, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 36, 40, 41 and 47. Therefore, Claims 4-8, 10-12, 15-19, 21-25, 31-35, 37-39, 42-46 and 48-52 are allowable at least for the same reasons as Claims 1, 2, 3, 9, 13, 14, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 36, 40, 41 and 47 and, further, on their own merits.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, allow the claims as amended and pass this case to issue.

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